

Readings for next weekend — Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
First reading: Exodus 17:8-13; Second reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2; Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Anniversary of the Dedication of our Parish Church

The last weekend in October always marks the anniversary of the dedication of our church – this year it is 37 years old – so over the next few weeks we will have a reflection on what it means to be Church. The Ritual of Dedication used in October 1988 included the following:

The Church is fruitful, made holy by the blood of Christ, a bride made radiant with his glory... the Church is holy, your chosen vineyard: its branches envelop the world, its tendrils, carried on the tree of the cross, reach up to the kingdom of heaven.

The Church is favoured, the dwelling place of God on earth: a temple built of living stones, founded on the apostles with Jesus Christ its corner stone.

The Church is exalted, a city set on a mountain: a beacon of light to the whole world.
— Fr Gerard O’Dempsey OFM Cap

Schedule for Sacraments of Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion 2025/26

- 03 November 2025, Monday – **Parent Information night (Reconciliation) and registration** at 7.00 pm in the Parish Church
- 16, 23 & 30 November and 07 December 2025 – **Reconciliation classes**, 10.30 to 11.30 am at the Good Shepherd Primary School (*Attendance is a MUST*)
- 08 December 2025 – Monday, **Rite of Penance** (1st Confession), 7.00 pm in the Parish Church
- 27 April 2026, Monday – **Information Session (Eucharist) and Enrichment night for Parents only**
- 03, 10, 17 & 24 May 2026 – **Holy Eucharist classes**, 10.30 to 11.30 am at the Good Shepherd Primary School (*Attendance is a MUST*)
- 25 May 2026 – Monday, **Rehearsal** at 7.00 pm in the Parish Church
- 30/31 May, 06/07 June and 13/14 June 2026 – **1st Holy Communion Dates** – during the 6.00 pm Saturday, 9.00 am & 6.00 pm Sunday Masses

Registration forms will be available from 18 October 2025 at the entrance of the Church or from the parish office.

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Parish Registration

If you are a new parishioner, we ask you to complete a registration form. If you have not yet filled out a registration form, please do so as soon as possible and return it to the Church or parish office. Forms are available at the entrance of the Church.

How to Support Our Parish Family Financially

If you would like to become an envelope subscriber please contact the parish office. We would also invite you to consider your level of giving. For people wishing to contribute by direct debit – forms are available from the parish office. You can also setup your own internet banking recurring payments to the following account:

BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 00000495
Account Name: Plumpton Catholic Parish Church

- Tap & go machines are available for people to use. These are in the Church.
- Those who wish to donate to the Capuchin Friars (Priests), please make the recurring payments to the following account:

BSB: 062-410 Account Number: 10136478
Account name: Capuchin Franciscan Friars



Phone: 02 9832 4461
After hours emergency #: 0493 969 440
Email: parishof@goodshepherd.org.au



The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

Or visit our website:
www.goodshepherd.org.au

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 10/10/2025

Donations	\$30,580.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$45,000.00
Total Amount	\$87,684.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

12 October 2025

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13
Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

GOSPEL Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Acknowledgement

We show our respect and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Darug Country, Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton NSW 2761
Celebrating Our 36th Anniversary

Parish Vision:
a place where all people are welcomed...
a place where the gifts of the Holy Spirit are put to use...
a place where people are empowered to live the good news of Jesus.

Weddings
Please call the Parish office for appointment.
Arrangements should be made at least 12 months in advance.

Holy Communion for the Sick
Please call the parish office for date and time.

Anointing of the Sick
Please call the parish office to book a time and date.

Baptisms
Parents and godparents must attend a Pre-Baptism Seminar prior to scheduling the Baptism. The seminar is offered once a month on the 4th Sunday at 2:00 pm in the Parish meeting room.
Please collect registration form from the Parish office. Baptism dates will be booked after attending the seminar.

Parish Team:

Parish Priest	Fr Gerard O'Dempsey OFM Cap
Assistant Parish Priest	Fr John Nguyen OFM Cap
Business Manager	Mr Owens Reyes
Parish Musical Director	Mr Jacob Wielgosz
Parish Council Chairperson	Mr Anthony Matthews
RCIA Co-ordinator	Mr & Mrs Bernie & Yeng Banta
Sacramental Co-ordinator	Mrs Priscilla Corpuz
Parish SRE Co-ordinator	Ms Therese Fuller
Finance & Bingo Operator	Mr Romy Balite
Safeguarding Champion	Mr Joseph Fenech

Daily MASS Times

Mon/Tue/Fri 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am & 7:30 pm
Thursday 9:00 am & **7:00 pm (Vietnamese)**
First Friday 7:30 pm (with Adoration)
Saturday 8:00 am

Weekend MASS Times

Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
12:00 pm **(Vietnamese)**
Spanish Mass Every 2nd Saturday of each month 7:30 pm

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 10:30 to 11:30 am
Kindly ring Parish Office to book for other times during the week.

Baptism Seminar

The next seminar will be held on the **26th of October 2025 at 2:00 pm** in the **Parish meeting room**. Please bring a copy of your child's **birth certificate**.

Parish Based Youth Group – Antioch

Young people are empowered & nourished in their spiritual Journey and leadership. We have a youth group meeting every Sunday at 7:30 pm. We invite the youth for "Come and See" experience.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following members of our parish community who recently completed their Ministry training at Good Shepherd Parish.

Ministers of the Word:

Angelo Dela Paz, Kate Javier, Matthew Manay, June Manu, Alliyah Mercado, Loleta Morgan, Corazon Mutuc, Ivy Portugal and Carmela Queras

Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sarah Mary Astudillo, Catrina Bautista, Claudine Bautista, Fatima De Jesus Coghlar, Maria Evangelista, Jessie Javier, Fitzgerald Ladrillo and Jason Tarlinton

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Francis, Manano, Teresa, deceased members of Fortu family, Glenn Aclao, Clinton Jr James Allen, Jerome & Nelson Almario, John Apap, Ortencia Balagtas, Roberto Balisi, Stella Dabare, Francisco Dakila, Mary Rose Formosa, Sleiman & Violet Freiji, Margarita Galiste, Lorenza Gayo, Antoine & Mouna Karam, Rodel Lontayao, Charles Mathieu, John McBarter, Donna Molina, Bob & Sue Morrissey, Marina and Renato Rosarial, Francisca San Pedro, Leila & Melad Shaheen, Agnes & John Walcott, Aida & Simon Walcott, James Walcott and all the souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Marcelito, Tristan, Karen Barrett, Ceejay Bergonia, Domingo Escueta, Tesa Mejo, Shirley Morcilla, Peter Nathan, Alexander Nguyen, Rose Pereira, Michelle Reyes, Peter Stanborough and Peter Walcott

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving : Reyes Family

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

Belenor & Julian AGUILAR, John ANGEL, Mafalda ARACO, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, Philomena BENT, Joseph BUTTIGIEG, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, George CASSAR, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Rita CLEARY, Clare DONOHUE, Paul DWYER, Mario FARRUGIA, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Fololetina FRETTON, Louise GRECH, Alamita HALA, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, John KNIGHT, Maureen KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Malia LAVALU, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Gwenda MCCARTHY, Donald MCKECHNIE, Rita & Victor MELI, Teresa MESSIANA, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Mary MUSCAT, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Marie PURCELL, Melecia REA, Gloria ROBERTS, Lilly SHAHOUD, Mary SIMMONS, Marian STEWART, Vivienne STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Mary THEVATHASAN, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Sesilia VAVE, Augustina VELLA, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE and Joan WREN.

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Catholic Mission Appeal: 18 and 19 October

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia. Donation envelopes will be available at the weekend Masses. Donation envelopes will be available at the weekend Masses.



Altar Servers Needed at the Good Shepherd Parish

Children who have received their 1st Holy Communion are invited to join the Altar Servers Ministry. **Please contact the Parish Office 9832 4461** or email parishof@goodshepherd.org.au.

Discover Palms Volunteering

Discover Palms International Volunteering online in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our unique opportunities and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime! Thursday 30 October 7:00 to 8:30pm. Scan the QR code or register online palms.org.au/events. Or contact: 02 9560 5333 / palms@palms.org.au



Design our next Catholic Outlook Magazine front cover!

We're inviting you to design the front cover of the Catholic Outlook Magazine's Christmas and Summer 2025 edition! People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Let's make this Advent and Christmas season a canvas of faith and joy – together. Please submit your entry by **Friday 7 November 2025** – with a short description of your artwork – via parracatholic.org/artcomp

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next sessions of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on the following days:

- Saturday 18 October for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 10am to 3pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys
- Saturday 25 October for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 10am to 3pm at Corpus Christi Parish, Cranebrook

Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Notices:

1. The parish has been gifted seven sewing machines – anyone would like to form a sewing group please contact the parish office.
2. Blessing for all those doing the HSC – at Masses this weekend October 11th & 12th. Sausage sizzle to follow the 6:00pm Sunday Mass.
3. Mass at Southern Cross Village this Thursday October 16th at 10:00am.
4. Gathering for all involved in the music ministry – Saturday October 18th 9:00am – finishing with BBQ lunch.
5. Anniversary of Dedication: International Food day – October 26th – Parish Hall 12noon.
6. The Gospel of St. Matthew – a video presentation with discussion – Thursday nights beginning October 30th 7.00pm Soup, 7.30pm Video. This is a great way to prepare for the coming year as Matthew's Gospel will read throughout 2026 (beginning with Advent this year!).